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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Group Art Unit: 3729

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Examiner: THIEM D. PHAN

Serial No.: 09/889,167

Filed: July 11, 2001

ARTICLE HAVING A CIRCUIT SOLDERED WITH PARTS For:

AND METHOD FOR RECYCLING WASTES OF THE SAME

## **ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 2, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 2, 2003, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

Group I

Claims 9 and 10, drawn to a method of

recycling wastes containing articles;

Group II

Claim 11, drawn to a method of recycling

wastes containing appliances; and

Group III

Claims 12 and 13, drawn to a method of

recycling electrical wastes.

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Applicants also reserves the right to file a Divisional Application for the nonelected claims 1-8 and 11-13, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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